Newcomers and visitors, welcome! We are a servant church in the heart of the city. May you find here, by God’s grace, that which feeds your soul, and leave here with a heart prepared to serve.

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”
Holy Eucharist

Service Notes: Page numbers listed are from The Book of Common Prayer.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading: Exodus 12:1–14

Lector The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
Psalm 149, spoken in unison

All

Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;

To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;

To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Romans 13:8–14

Lector

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15–20

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.
Prayers of the People

Lector Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People That we all may be one.
Lector Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People That your Name may be glorified by all people.
Lector We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
Lector We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Lector Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People That our works may find favor in your sight.
Lector Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People That they may be delivered from their distress.
Lector Give to the departed eternal rest;
People Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Lector We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Lector Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
The People may add their own petitions.

Concluding Collect

All God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ’s body in the world; a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission; that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.


The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.
Announcements

A Prayer for Stewardship

All Almighty, ever loving and giving God, from whom comes every good and healthful gift, help us through our faithful stewardship to acknowledge that all things come of you, and to learn that truly it is in giving that we receive; give us grateful hearts, and make us cheerful givers who experience joy and grace as we come to you in faith, asking you to renew, restore, and return a right spirit within us; guide us and strengthen us as we make our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral for the spread of your kingdom; all of which we ask in the name of your greatest gift, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Celebration Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A, page 361

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All

Our Father, who art in heaven,
    hallowed be thy Name,
    thy kingdom come,
    thy will be done,
    on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
    as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
    but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
    and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion

A note on receiving Communion: We have two aisles in our outside setup. We will administer bread from the top of both aisles. Please come up one person/family unit at a time to receive the bread. Once you have received it, please carry it back to your seat before you lift your mask to consume it. The ushers will help direct you when to come up the aisle. We will begin with the people seated between the aisles, then move to the outside of the aisles.

Postcommunion Prayer

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing
Dismissal

Presider    Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People     Thanks be to God.

The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, Officiant
Robin Rusconi, Lector
George Helmkamp, Eucharistic Minister
David Telep, John Braum, Ushers

During this time when we can only worship online we would like you to consider giving online as well. Please go to kccathedral.org to make or pay on a pledge, give a gift, or make a donation. Or you may use the QR code to the right. Thank you for your generosity.
September 6, 2020 – Pentecost 14 (A)
The Feast of Constance and Her Companions: The Martyrs of Memphis

On September 9, the Episcopal Church celebrates the witness of Constance and her companions, remembered along with other faithful Christians as the Martyrs of Memphis.

Yellow fever, a mosquito-borne illness that frequently affected the American South during the late 19th century, had reached an epidemic status in August 1878. Memphis, Tennessee, on the banks of the Mississippi River, had been afflicted by the disease several times before, leading citizens to flee the city en masse at the earliest signs of an outbreak. More than half of the city’s population left, leaving more than 20,000 people behind. According to A Great Cloud of Witnesses, “As cases multiplied, death tolls averaged 200 daily. When the worst was over, ninety percent of the people who remained had contracted the fever; more than 5,000 people had died.”

Faithful Episcopalians and other Christians remained behind in the stifling heat to serve the city in its crisis. Chief among these saints were Constance, the Superior of the Sisters of St. Mary, and several other sisters of the order, who had come to Memphis some years earlier to found a girls’ school at St. Mary’s Episcopal Cathedral. The cathedral was located in the thick of the yellow fever epidemic, which provided ample opportunity to minister to the afflicted. They tended the sick, gave rest to the weary, soothed the suffering, and blessed the dying, making a special effort to find and take care of the numerous orphaned children of Memphis.

Constance and her companions knew well the danger and destruction that the fever represented, but would not be deterred from serving God and neighbor in that place. By the end of September, four of the sisters, along with two Episcopal priests and many unnamed volunteers, had succumbed to the fever: Sister Constance, Sister Thecla, Sister Ruth, Sister Frances, the Rev. Louis Schuyler and the Rev. Charles Parsons. Sister Constance’s last words, uttered when she was no longer physically able to serve, are enshrined in the altar at St. Mary’s Cathedral: “Alleluia! Osanna!”

Collect for Constance and Her Companions
We give you thanks and praise, O God of compassion, for the heroic witness of Constance and her companions, who, in a time of plague and pestilence, were steadfast in their care for the sick and dying, and loved not their own lives, even unto death; Inspire in us a like love and commitment to those in need, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

This bulletin insert was adapted from A Great Cloud of Witnesses’ account of Constance and Her Companions.

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Announcements for the Week of September 6, 2020

Onsite Prayer & Worship

We are currently offering two opportunities each week for onsite prayer and worship. **Registration is required for both.**

**Wednesdays—Onsite Prayer & Meditation:** Times are available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Details, and registration links, are available on our website's **Covid-19** page.

**Sundays—Outdoor Worship • 5 p.m.:** Get all the details and sign up on our website’s **From the Dean** page.

*All onsite visits require facemasks to be worn and proper physical distancing to be observed.*

Worship

**Sundays:** Morning Prayer/Holy Eucharist—Livestreamed • 10:15 a.m.

Holy Eucharist—Outdoor Service • 5 p.m.

**Wednesdays:** Noonday Prayer—Prerecorded • 12 noon.

Online services are recorded in the Nave and are available to watch on Facebook or YouTube. The outdoor service takes place on the north lawn (corner of 13th & Broadway). Bulletins are here. Sunday mornings, join us after the service for virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom!

Children

**Children's Ministry**

**Sundays, beginning September 13 • 9:15 a.m.**

Each session will include a short time for greeting and sharing, a question of the day, music activity, a story based on the lectionary text of the day, prayer and a virtual 3 “H” goodbye (hugs, handshakes and high fives).
Youth

Bible & Bingo
Thursdays • 8 p.m.
Bible and Bingo with Madi and Meredith continues on Thursday evenings from 8–9 p.m. in the WEMO Youth Zoom Room.

Blessing of the Backpacks
September 7 • 7:30 p.m.
Join in live on WEMO Youth Social Media for a back to school blessing with WEMO Youth leaders.

GHTC Youth Group
Sundays, starting September 13 • 3:30 p.m.
With the announcement about outdoor services at the Cathedral, the youth group schedule is being adjusted to meet for in-person youth group on Sunday afternoons! We will meet outdoors, socially distanced with masks required. Our Zoom room will also be open during these meetings for those that wish to join us digitally. In the event of rain or other weather complications, youth group will be on Zoom only. Starting September 13, we will meet at 3:30 p.m. for our new youth group format, Books and Bible Study. From September through early December we will be making our way through the Chronicles of Narnia!
Contact Alexandra Connors for more information.

LGBTQIA+ Gathering
September 6 • 6 p.m.
We gather for our potluck meal with no agenda, just food, fun and fellowship. For the website/meeting address and any other questions, email coordinator Brian Cowley.

Adult Christian Formation: The Minor Prophets
Sundays, beginning September 13 • 9 a.m.
Dean Andy will begin a new class on Sunday, September 13, on the minor prophets. Come and learn about these determined men as they prophesied against their cultures in order to fulfill God’s call to them. The class will meet at 9 a.m. via Zoom. For more details, visit the Adult Formation page.

GHTC’s Digital Cafe
Tuesdays • 7:30 a.m.
Please join us for our weekly conversation in GHTC’s Digital Cafe! Tuesday mornings from 7:30–9 a.m. To join, click here. Meeting ID: 568 607 781 Password: 582827. You may also dial in by phone: 312 626 6799.

Women’s Bible Study
Tuesdays • 12:30 p.m.
Women’s Bible Study meets via Zoom at 12:30 p.m. WBS is currently studying Engaging the Word by Michael Johnston. For more details, visit our WBS page or contact Candy McDowell.

Adults

Lectionary Bible Study
Tuesday, September 8 • 6:45 p.m. • Reading: Matthew 18:21-35
Join us for a discussion of context which will, with God’s grace, lead us to a discussion of how an understanding of scripture can restore us to fullness with God and each other in Christ. Join the Lectionary Bible Study group in Realm or visit the LBS page on our website for more details.

Dean’s Forum & Compline: Lord, teach us to pray.
Wednesdays, beginning September 9 • 6:45 p.m.
Dean Andy will begin a new Dean’s Forum on Wednesday, September 9, called Lord, teach us to pray. Prayer has always been important to the Church, both corporately and individually. In our time together we will begin with the question the disciples asked Jesus, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” (Lk 11:1b) Handouts will be made available on the website. The class will begin with a check-in at 6:45 p.m. (new time) and class will run from 7–8 p.m., followed by Compline. For more details, visit the Dean’s Forum page.
Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for:

**Healing**—Harrison Littlefield; Patricia; Jim Royer; Gaelle Marchand; Ric; Bev Bilotta; Phyllis Kagay; Dave Gaddy Cox; Shannon Johnson; Bob Fasil; Judy Houtman; Kathy Clinch; Alex Stewart Jr.; Cade Smith; Jeri Hatteberg; Godwin Oluh; Dawn Berg; Christian Criger; Fiona (Leona) Schaefer; Connie Powell; Janel Mosley; Brian Cowley; Mike Guidry; John; Jan Frizzle

**Peace, Comfort & Serenity**—Kate Landers’ family; Gary & family; Cathryn & family; Peggy Lowman’s family; Matt Levi’s family; Paula Livingston–Lewis & family; Matt Green’s family

**Calm, Direction & Help**—All those affected by the derecho; Those affected by COVID-19; Kingswood Retirement Center

**Strength & Safety**—Students returning virtually & in person; Jessica Lynn Knox

**Joy & Strength**—Joanne Repass Jones

**Thanksgiving**—Chuck & MArsty Gordon’s new granddaughter, Rebecca Grace Gordon

**Recovery from Pandemic**—Our church & personal families & friends; Lucas Reifsteck

To place a person on this prayer list, please contact the Cathedral office. Requests are held in prayer for 90 days.

Social Outreach

**HappyBottoms Diaper Drive**

The Cathedral is collecting diapers for HappyBottoms during the month of September. You may bring donations to the blue barrel in the cross hall any weekday during business hours. Someone will buzz you in to drop off your donation. For more information, contact Terri Curran.

Altar Flowers

To help provide flowers for upcoming services, contact the Cathedral office.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

**September 6**
Kathryn Barker
Amy Cornwell

**September 7**
Jonah Fahnestock
Beth Gentry–Epley

**September 8**
Melisa Burns
Victoria Janky
Lill Weekes
Mary Lou & Tom Brous
Bud & Candy McDowell
Tom & Patty Wood

**September 9**
Nathan Mattson

**September 10**
Paul Schooling

**September 11**
Zan Crum
David Gaddy–Cox
Lisa Spoonhour

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